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FACE ITALIANSHave Been Massed in the
Asiago Section Ready
for a DriveGREAT OFFENSIVE
IS LOOKED FORHeavy Artillery Bombard-
ment Presages a Big
Movement

Italian Headquarters, Tuesday, Dec. 4.—(By Associated Press).—Great forces of men and guns have been massed by the Austrians and Germans in the Asiago section, according to reports reaching here to-night, and the resumption of the offensive is expected. The reports indicate that the enemy is employing ten divisions of troops.

Exceptionally heavy artillery bombardment from enemy positions around Asiago last night and through the early hours of to-day appears to foreshadow the long-expected resumption of the heavy offensive from the north. Heavy shells rained on the whole range of the Italian positions and were concentrated on the locations supposed to shield Italian batteries.

AMERICAN FLIERS
ON ITALIAN FRONTThey Compose Part of the British and
French Aviation Section Which
Arrived with the Armies.

With the French Army in Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 4 (By Associated Press).—Among the troops that have arrived in Italy with the British and the French armies is a large group of aviators. The British have sent a large contingent of fliers, half of whom are young Canadians and Americans, who have been doing scout work in Flanders in northern France.

The British aviators appear much younger than their French comrades but both groups are composed of picked men, who have had careful training in fighting the Germans in the air.

RUMANIAN ARMY
TALKING ARMISTICEBerlin Reports That the Bolshevik Idea
Is Spreading on the East-
ern Front.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 5.—The negotiations between the Germans and the Rumanians for an armistice are extending to the Rumanian troops, the war office announces. Austro-German forces yesterday captured some hill positions in Sette Comuni on the mountainous front in northern Italy, the announcement says.

GERMANS WERE QUIET.

Did Not Resume Attack in Cambrai Re-
gion Tuesday.

London, Dec. 5.—The Germans did not renew yesterday their attacks on the British in the Cambrai region. British artillery dispersed massing for assault both on the north and south sides.

The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters last night said: "During the day concentrations of hostile infantry east of Gouzeaucourt and in the neighborhood of Moeuvres were broken up by our artillery before any attacks could develop."

"The enemy's artillery has been active in the neighborhood of La Vacquerie, and there has also been considerable hostile artillery activity north of Arras, southeast of Ypres and in the Passchendaele sector."

DISCOUNT RATES
ARE ADVANCEDFederal Reserve Board Approves Increase
in Order to Discourage Inflation
and to Promote Sound Busi-
ness Conditions.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—To discourage inflation and to promote sound business conditions, the federal reserve board has approved the general increase in discount rates of about half of 1 per cent for most of the 12 federal reserve banks.

HELD FOR SHOOTING.

Hunter Charged with Wounding Mrs.
Raymond Burbank.

Saco, Me., Dec. 5.—Walter A. Peterson of Lynn, Mass., one of the four men who were hunting deer near Paradisefield last Friday when Mrs. Raymond Burbank was shot there, came to this city yesterday and was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Roberts, charged with doing the shooting. He was taken to Sanford.

Peterson, who is the proprietor of a garage in Lynn, admits being in the hunting party, but says he did no shooting. Mrs. Burbank, wife of a soldier at Camp Devens, was shot through the ankle and thigh, while in an automobile, and remains at a local hospital in a critical condition. Careless and negligent shooting of Mrs. Burbank has been charged against Peterson. Maine has a special statute discharging hunting accidents of this sort. He was arraigned in Sanford last night and gave bail in the sum of \$3,000.

DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE

And Three Years' Imprisonment for Dis-
obeying Order.

Camp Meade, Md., Dec. 5.—Private Claude W. Enlow of Philadelphia, a member of the 315th regiment, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge from the service for refusing to obey the commands of his superior officers, when ordered to do kitchen police duty. He forfeits all pay and allowances.

Kitchen police duty consists of peeling potatoes, washing dishes and otherwise assisting the cook. Every private is expected to do kitchen duty in his turn.

UNITED STATES GETS
BIG ASSIGNMENTWill Appoint Delegates to Permanent
Committee Which Will Handle the
Man-Power Problem of
the Allies.

London, Dec. 5.—Consideration of the question of man power for the prosecution of the war was one of the important matters taken up by the interallied conference, it became known to-day when the official summary of the results was made public. It was decided by the conference that the United States should appoint delegates to a permanent committee, which will handle this problem.

MURDERED BY MOB.

General Dukhonin Thrown from Train
and Beaten to Death.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 5.—(British admiralty per wireless press).—An official announcement was issued yesterday signed by Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, confirming the killing by infuriated members of the Bolsheviks of General Dukhonin, former commander-in-chief of the Russian army, who recently was deposed because of his refusal to request German army officials to enter into an armistice with the Bolsheviks.

General Dukhonin was killed by being thrown from a train and beaten to death after the Bolsheviks had captured headquarters at Mohilev, where he had remained after his deposition. General Korniloff, also a former Russian commander-in-chief, and who some time ago started an unsuccessful revolt against the Kerensky government, fled from Mohilev before the arrival of the Bolshevik forces.

FIRED TORPEDO
TO STOP RESCUETeuton Submarine Did Dastardly Act
While Women and Children Were Be-
ing Lowered from Steamer
Apsara Into Life Boats.

London, Dec. 5.—The British steamer Apsara, nearing home after a two months' voyage was torpedoed without warning, according to the Daily Mail. The lifeboats were manned immediately and all would have been rescued but the submarine fired a second torpedo while women and children were being lowered to the boats, causing the ship to sink immediately with 80 passengers and crew. Another report says that 40 passengers and 30 members of the crew were lost and the survivors were landed on the west coast.

The Apsara was a vessel of 7,832 tons gross. She was built in Glasgow in 1914 and was owned by the African Steamship company.

BARRISTERS BANQUETTED.

Caledonia County Association Met at St.
Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 5.—Twenty-seven members of the Caledonia County Bar association and their invited guests held their annual bar meeting and banquet at the Avenue house last evening. A dinner was served in the large dining-room at 6:30 o'clock and the occasion was enlivened by orchestral music by Wilkie's orchestra, and the entertaining songs and monologues of Frank O. French, Judge Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea, the present presiding judge of county court for the December term, and Assistant Judges Nelson A. Dole and Oscar Woodruff together with visiting attorneys Frank D. Thompson of Barton and Edward H. Deavitt of Montpelier were guests of the bar association. William B. C. Stickney of Rutland, one of the leaders of the Vermont bar, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Elisha May, president of the association, presided at the banquet. Sumner E. Darling, jr., of Hardwick spoke on "The Duties of the Caledonia County Bar Association," and Samuel E. Richardson of St. Johnsbury on the subject, "Liability Insurance as a Prerequisite to Licensing Motor Vehicles." Bernard J. Mulcahy of Hardwick gave an eloquent and able address on "The Spirit of Unrest and Criticism."

At the business meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Joseph T. Gleason; vice-president, Albro F. Nichols; secretary and treasurer, Guy W. Hill; directors, Alexander Dunnett, Walter A. Dutton, David E. Porter.

David S. Conant, Brian Brown and Hugh W. Hastings were admitted to the association as new members.

LICENSE GAINS.

Carried Four Massachusetts Cities and
Nearly One Other.

Boston, Dec. 5.—License forces won a decided victory over the opponents of the licensed sale of liquor by swinging four additional cities into the "wet" column in the 18 municipal elections held in this state yesterday.

Fall River, Fitchburg, Haverhill and Taunton carried by "dry" "wet." In Leominster which has been against license 18 years out of 20, the license forces came within 13 votes of winning and a recount will probably be asked. Notwithstanding the sharpest fight against license which has been made in many years, Springfield remained "wet" by 2,255 votes, and in other cities license forces showed comparative gains.

ALL BUT THREE CAPTURED.

Of the Thirteen Convicts Who Escaped
from Joliet Prison.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 5.—Two more of the 13 convicts who escaped from the state prison here Monday were captured last night and it is reported that the other three are surrounded by possees near Morris, Ill. They were arrested at Seneca, Ill., making a total of 10 recaptured.

VERMONT SOLDIER DEAD.

Private Lunn Sanborn Died in France of
Acute Pneumonia.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Among the deaths reported to the war department yesterday by General Pershing was that of Private Lunn Sanborn, machine gun company, infantry, Nov. 26, bronchopneumonia, acute. Mother, Mrs. F. W. Hardy, Orleans, Vt.

U. S. TROOPS
A SURPRISECol. E. M. House Found Their
Energy, Fitness and En-
thusiasm UnexpectedVISITED FRONT
WITH PERSHINGViscount Northcliffe Was
Also Member of the In-
specting Party

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, Dec. 4.—(By Associated Press).—Colonel E. M. House and the other members of the American mission with General Pershing and Viscount Northcliffe inspected the American army to-day. Colonel House said he would tell President Wilson that the energy, fitness and enthusiasm of the men far surpassed anything he expected.

WAS ST. JOHNSBURY BOY.

Martin Herron Died of Pneumonia Some-
where in France.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 5.—The cable from General Pershing's headquarters in France has announced the death on Nov. 26 of Martin Herron of St. Johnsbury, a member of Company D, 1st Vermont volunteers, and this is the first death among the St. Johnsbury soldiers. He was a member of the Machine Gun company of the 103d infantry, 26th division. He was 24 years old and was born in Lowell, Mass., and made his home while in St. Johnsbury with the family of A. W. Babcock. He leaves a brother, John M. Herron, a member of Co. E, 40th infantry, now stationed at Camp Merritt in Tenny, N. J. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Mary Davis of Littleton and Mrs. Marguerite H. Colby of Auburn, Me. He was a member of Caledonia lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., and a general favorite around town.

A memorial service in recognition of his life and services to his country will be held in the Universalist church on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Co. G of the Vermont volunteer militia and Caledonia lodge have been invited. The service is open to the public.

SHOT HERSELF
IN THE TEMPLEMrs. Grace Davis of Londonderry, Aged
27, Had Disagreed with Her Fa-
ther Over Financial
Matters.

Brattleboro, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Grace Davis, aged 27, of Londonderry, wife of Clifford Davis, a farmer, committed suicide this forenoon in her home by shooting in the temple. Her husband was out on the farm at work, leaving his wife and little daughter in the house.

Mrs. Davis was disappointed over financial relations with her father, Philip H. Fuller of Weston. She knew her father was on the way to see her this forenoon and she waited until just before he reached the house before she shot herself. Her bleeding form was found by her father. The family lives on the E. M. Davis farm, half a mile from the village.

PECULIAR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Heat, Then Cold, Killed Editor Reilly of
Wall Street Journal.

Patterson, N. J., Dec. 5.—James Reilly, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, died last night in a hospital here. His death was due to burns and exposure. He was taken ill in his house at Ridge-wood Thanksgiving day morning, while preparing to leave for Washington. He was alone when seized with vertigo. While making his way to the telephone to summon aid, he fell downstairs. His back, resting against a steam radiator after he became unconscious. It was not until last Sunday morning that his plight became known. His back was burned and he suffered also from cold when the steam heating plant first failed. He was in a state of coma until his death late last night.

AMERICANS ACTED
WITHOUT AUTHORITYIn Presenting Communication to Bolshe-
viki Government Regarding At-
titude of the United States.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—It was officially declared to-day at the state department that both Lieutenant Colonel Judd, head of the American military mission in Russia, and Major M. C. Kerth, temporary military attaché at the American embassy, acted without instructions from this government in presenting communications to the Bolshevik government on the attitude of the United States in an effort to effect a separate peace and armistice with Germany.

TO SAVE COAL.

Some St. Johnsbury Churches May Meet
in One Church.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 5.—An informal meeting of the St. Johnsbury ministers was held on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the coal situation, particularly as it affects the keeping open of all the local churches for the Sunday and weekly services. The situation was discussed from various angles and it was decided to have a large meeting for a further discussion of the possible unification of church work to save coal.

DID NOT KILL HERSELF.

Mrs. Pauline Keyes Was First Reported
to Be Suicidal.

Bedham, Mass., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Pauline Keyes did not kill herself in the manner of opinion of Dr. Harry M. Cutts, medical examiner, who originally reported the case as a suicide. He is testifying to-day at the trial for murder of Miss Harriet A. Varney, friend and frequent companion of the murdered woman's husband, George H. Keyes. Dr. Cutts admitted that he had been mistaken in his first examination of the body.

BIG K. OF C. DRIVE.

Vermont Managers Laid Plans at Con-
ference in Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 5.—In a business session lasting all day yesterday and late into the evening at the New Sherwood hotel, the grand knights and state officers of the entire state council, Knights of Columbus, perfected plans for the Vermont campaign of the Knights of Columbus national war camp fund, which will open on Sunday, Jan. 20, and continue for a week.

The plans of the national K. of C. council call for between eight and ten million dollars to be raised to carry on the work of the K. of C. in the army cantonments throughout the United States and in Europe for American soldiers. It was thought that \$3,000,000 would be sufficient, but additional recreation and information bureaus are planned which will raise the amount of money needed nearly three times.

The Knights of Columbus have 48 buildings completed and in operation in the country at the present time, and several in Europe. There are 15 more buildings nearing completion and five to be started immediately. There are 74 secretaries at work among the soldiers of all nationalities and religious creeds. Every council in the state was represented at the gathering and each delegate was furnished with a detail of his work in the coming canvass of his district, and will map his campaign accordingly.

This is a brief summary of just what the K. of C. plans to do with the money raised: Equip and maintain buildings at all the training camps at home and abroad to furnish amusement and recreation among the soldiers, regardless of creed; to maintain information bureaus at the front so that those at home and those in the trenches may hear from one another; to provide each building with a library of good books, current literature and daily papers; and other features.

More than \$1,000,000 has been raised by membership contribution in the United States.

In this work the order considers itself the agent and trustee of the Catholic people of America.

Strong though the order is, it could not hope to shoulder the whole of this enormous burden.

NO SHRINE MERGER.

Cairo of Rutland Declines to Unite with
Mount Sinai.

Rutland, Dec. 5.—A proposition to combine the temple of Cairo of Rutland and Mount Sinai of Montpelier, Ancient Arabic order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was presented at the annual meeting of Cairo temple held at the Shrine theatre last night and, it is understood, the matter was quietly shelved by placing the proposal on the table. It is unofficially reported there was a considerable discussion of the question before it was finally laid to rest.

The officers refused to talk for publication last night, claiming that the meeting was drawn out by a slow going election of officers but it is understood that the question of making the two temples into a single organization was suggested, discussed and finally defeated by a considerable majority.

Interest is being lacking in the recent meetings of the Cairo temple and there was but one candidate at the meeting last night. He was obligated. Some of the members claim that the state is too small for both branches of the organization and a combination of the two temples in the state was suggested.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: Illustrious Potentate, R. A. Robinson of Bellows Falls; chief rabbi, George C. Kincaid of Fair Haven; assistant rabbi, Dr. E. W. Farnsworth of this city; high priest, Malcolm G. Clark of Burlington; treasurer, Frank E. Allen of Fair Haven; recorder, L. J. Egelston of this city; reporter, J. R. Dimonds of Burlington; and secretary of this city and Dr. Frederick Bailey of Bennington.

PURCHASED AN ISLAND.

Benjamin Hillman of New York Paid
\$50,000 for "Lazy Lady."

St. Albans, Dec. 5.—Possibly the highest price ever paid for a piece of Vermont country property has just been reached in the purchase of Lazy Lady island, which is a part of the famous St. Albans bay of Lake Champlain. Dr. Guy Carlton Lee of Carlisle, Pa., the well known capitalist and publicist, who bought the property five years ago for less than \$1,000, has just sold it to Benjamin Hillman, a wealthy New Yorker, for something over \$50,000, which is \$15,000 an acre.

Although Dr. Lee has expended thousands of dollars upon the property since the purchase it was not with a view to selling it and even now he is making plans to purchase another island in that vicinity.

Hardly a new building has been erected on the property and those already there are of simple construction, but the money has been lavished on work on the island surface. Thousands of trees were set out and landscape gardening was carried out on a mammoth scale. An electric system with duplicate power plants and a water system were installed.

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES.

Awarded to University of Vermont
Freshmen This Morning.

Burlington, Dec. 5.—Acting President G. H. Perkins of the University of Vermont held this morning awarded the Howard estate examination prizes, each of which is \$20 in gold, as follows: Greek, F. S. Pease, jr., Burlington; Latin, David S. Conant, jr., Burlington; Mathematics, G. L. Best, St. Albans.

Honorable mention in Latin was given Grace Rixby of Barre and honorable mention in mathematics was given to F. Warren of Morrisville, H. E. Barber of South Royalton, A. B. Corey of Burlington and Ruth Hubbell of Lexington, Mass.

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Burlington, Dec. 5.—The December term of Caledonia county court opened here yesterday with Judge Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea presiding. Of the 24 cases set for jury trial, three were settled and discontinued and 10 remain for trial. Sixteen divorce cases are scheduled for hearing. The case of Etta May Hicks, indicted for the murder last July of Alice Bradshaw, will be tried at this term.

HOUSE READY TO
DECLARE WAR
ON AUSTRIABut Senate Has Adjourned
to Friday So That Prompt
Action on the President's
Recommendation Cannot
Be Taken, Although There
Is Little Doubt of ResultRESOLUTION MAY GO
TO HOUSE TO-NIGHTThe Plan to Declare War on
Austria Was Prompted
Partly Because of Belief
That It May Be Necessary
to Send American Troops
to Italy at Any Time

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The House foreign relations committee to-day was prepared to act on the president's request for a declaration of war against Austria-Hungary, with the indications favorable that the war resolution may go to the House for action late to-day or to-morrow. The adjournment of the Senate until Friday, however, precludes earlier action there, but the Senate foreign relations committee, which meets to-morrow, probably will consider the House draft in an effort to save time.

The president's recommendation in the Austrian situation, it was learned last night, was prompted partly because it might be necessary at any time to have American soldiers in Italy; and the vigorous approval of his position voiced in the joint session has caused the leaders to expect little or no delay in the completion of the legislative sanction.

A resolution for war against Austria-Hungary was introduced in the House of Representatives by Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee in form and language approved by President Wilson. It provides a declaration that because of Austria-Hungary's warlike acts against the United States in support of her ally, Germany, that a state of war exists as of this date, to-wit: to-day. It also pledges the full resources of the United States to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

LITTLE READJUSTMENT.

Even Though Congress Does Declare War
on Austria.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—A declaration of war with Austria-Hungary involves very little readjustment of affairs between the United States and the dual monarchy because the state of war exists as of this date, to-wit: to-day. It also pledges the full resources of the United States to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

TALK OF THE TOWN

John R. Wilson of Worcester is passing
some time with his daughters in this
city.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Jodkins of Northfield were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

William Black, who recently returned to Barre, after an absence of several weeks in Springfield, Mass., is employed as a foreman at the plant of Jones Bros.

The use of service flags in homes, offices and shops about town is growing rapidly, and within the past few days there has been a score of new banners, with their stars against a background of red and white have been displayed for the first time.

Shipments of rough stock from Millstone hill continue heavy, despite the shortage of labor and cars, and it is believed that a comparison of the 1916 figures with the output registered at the close of the present year will be wholly favorable to the continued growth of the industry.

Many draft registrants sending their names and change of address to the county registration board neglect to give their serial or order number. Without either it is almost impossible in some instances to find the name on the lists and the board is obliged to write for further information. If, in writing to the board, one or both numbers are given, a great deal of time and labor will be saved.

There will be no banquet to cap the annual business meeting of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association on this week from to-day, and most of the time will be given over to consideration of association affairs. The following committee on details has been appointed to act in connection with the Dec. 12 gathering: George Robins, Walter P. Scott, John C. Booth and Armando Comolli.

Two carloads of soft coal consigned to the Standard Quarry Co. arrived in the city yesterday and were hauled immediately to Millstone hill. The coal was ordered by Manager D. M. Barclay of the Standard company some months ago, and its failure to arrive was one of the reasons why a coal shortage which necessitated a shutdown developed at the Standard quarries this week. The coal was on the grounds by afternoon and work was resumed at once.

Another name has been added to the list of commissioned officers from Barre, the same being Capt. William Leslie Morrison, a son of the late William Morrison, who died in Chicago, Ill., last year, and a former resident of this city. Capt. Morrison attended Spaulding high school and lived for a time in the home of George Murray, sr. Three years ago he enlisted in the regular army at Fort Stevens, Ore. His advancement has been rapid, for he passed successfully through several offices and has emerged a captain in the regular army. He passed his examination in San Francisco, and was assigned to the coast artillery, which was later changed to the heavy field artillery. At present he is stationed at Fort Columbia, Wash., from which point he writes friends of his continued good health and well being.

Quilt aside from the question of "overt acts," however, the principal consideration of the government in deciding on war with Austria-Hungary was the nature of the alliance between Austria and Germany which made it anomalous to war with the latter and not with the former. Difficulty piled upon difficulty, and as much as he hoped to avoid it, the president was forced to realize that Austria was being used by Germany in the United States as an active enemy and that nothing less than a declaration of war would clear the situation and leave the government perfectly free to carry on the war with Germany in the most effective manner.

The German spy system in the United States to-day is known to be manned largely by subjects of Austria-Hungary, many of them members of the Industrial Workers of the World, and the recent at-

FOR REGIMENT
OF QUARRYMENBarre Is Asked to Contrib-
ute Part of Proposed
OrganizationSIX COMPANIES
OF MEN EACHGen. Pershing Has Indicat-
ed the Need of This
Regiment at OnceEmployers and employees of Barre's
quarrying industry are confronted with
their first opportunity to serve the na-
tion in the field without forsaking their
identity with the great industry which
they represent. The first direct request
from the government for assistance
from the Barre granite industry has tak-
en the form of letters addressed to the
quarriers, asking them to aid in securing
skilled quarry workers for service in a
special quarry regiment to be known as
the 28th Engineers of the national army.
Nearly every quarry owner in the Barre
district is in receipt of the appeal, and it
is to be expected that Barre will figure
mightily in the formation of a regiment
that is to consist of six companies of 250
men each.

Albion Barre and Barre Town have al-
ready given of the very flower of their
youth to the regular army, the navy, the
National Guard, etc., the volunteers and
drafted men in these categories naturally
lost their identity with the local in-
dustry as soon as they donned the khaki.
Here is an opportunity for Barre to be
represented in France by men who may
be privileged to put into practice some
of the valuable lessons they have
learned as quarry workers and helpers on
Millstone hill. Under the heading, "28th
Engineers," a circular story of the pro-
posed regiment and its purpose has been
sent to each quarry. That they will
lend their assistance, even at the expense
of crippling an industry that has al-
ready suffered somewhat from enlist-
ments and removals, goes without say-
ing.

Says the circular: "Experienced quar-
rymen, rock and churn drill runners,
blasters and powder men, crusher men,
stationary steam engineers, locomotive
engineers, steam shovel and crane men,
clam-shell bucket men, blacksmiths, ma-
chinists, electricians, carpenters, mill-
wrights, trackmen, cooks, master mechanics,
quarry superintendents and foremen, and
railroad brakemen are wanted to enlist
in the 28th Engineers (special quarry)
regiment."

Gen. Pershing is urgently needed for
immediate service in France, and it is
probable that the regiment, as soon as
enlistments are filled, will go overseas at
once. Quarriers in Barre have been asked
to send as many men as possible, and to
send the names and addresses of
skilled workmen who have already en-
listed, or who have been drafted. Appli-
cations may be made to or information
received from Maj. O. B. Perry, or to the
commanding officer of the 28th Engi-
neers, office of the chief of engineers,
Washington, D. C. Included in the in-
formation desired by the officers are:
The number of years the applicant has
served as a quarryman; number of years
of schooling; can he speak French or
German; is he subject to the draft.

The circular continues:

No. 1. The engineer corps of the U. S.
army has been authorized to raise by
voluntary enlistment a special quarry
regiment, to consist of six companies of
250 men each, and to be known as the
28th Engineers, National army. This
regiment is now being recruited, and the
first two companies are in training at
Camp Meade, Md.

2. This regiment is to be made up
entirely of picked men from the various
quarries of the country. All trades and
occupations in the quarry business will
be represented. Each company will have
a sufficient number of skilled men to op-
erate a separate quarry plant.

3. Each company will be equipped
with a complete rock-crushing and
screening plant capable of producing
1,000 tons of crushed rock per day.
Churn and air-drilling outfit will be
provided and the equipment will include
steam shovels, locomotive cranes, steam
locomotives, cars and other standard
quarrying machinery. Only men who
have had experience in the handling of
such equipment and those who have
worked in and about quarries will be
enlisted for this service.

4. The commanding officer will be a
regular army officer, the other officers of
the regiment being largely drawn from
the engineers and quarry superintend-
ents who have volunteered their services,
have been given the necessary military
training at the officers' training camps,
and are now commissioned in the En-
gineers' Officer Reserve corps.

5. All men who volunteer for this
service will be enlisted as privates, but
those who show themselves qualified will
be raised to the grade of non-commis-
sioned officer. Any recruiting officer will
enlist men for this regiment, but each
man must show qualifications by way
of experience and pass the usual physi-
cal examination. All men between the
ages of 18 and 41 are eligible for enlist-
ment, if not actually drawn on the draft.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Capt. Guy R. Varnum and Mrs. Var-
num and children of North street re-
turned to the city yesterday, after mak-
ing a Thanksgiving visit with relatives
in Jeffersonville.

Local granite men and employees of
Wetmore & Morse Co., miss the daily
appearance on the hill of Frank M.
Corry of Montpelier, who, when he is
in health, seldom misses a journey to his
quarry holdings. Mr. Corry has been
quite seriously ill for the past 10 days,
and was able to be out of doors yester-
day.

H. R. Ream of Mansfield, O., a former
resident of Barre, is passing several days
in the city on business connected with
the local wholesale office of Ream & Mc-
Bride. Charles Reynolds, a representative
of the Reynolds Monument Co., which
has its headquarters in Toledo, O., is
registered at Hotel Barre while passing
several days in the Barre granite in-
dustry on business. J. M. Kiefer of Rome,
N. Y., another retailer, is on a buying
trip through the Barre district.